

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )  
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 LUKAS ZEHNDER, et al. ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
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 Application No.: Unassigned ) Examiner: Unassigned  
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 Filed: November 13, 2001 )  
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 For: CONTACT ZONE FOR A POWER )  
 BREAKER )

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-captioned patent application, applicants request that the following claim amendments be entered. Additional amendments are incorporated in the formatted Substitute Specification submitted herewith. A copy of the original application, together with a CompareRite® version showing the amendments made to the original application, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121 (2001), are also submitted herewith. No new matter has been introduced in these amendments to the original specification.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please replace Claims 1-6 as follows.

1. (Amended) A contact zone of a quenching chamber which is arranged rotationally symmetrically about a central axis and is filled with an insulating medium,